

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and the following comments is courteously solicited.

In the aforesaid action, the Examiner rejected claim 25 as anticipated by Noel and as being obvious over DE 19715529 (DE '529). The Examiner also rejected claim 28 as obvious over Noel or DE '529 in view of Cate.

By the present paper, independent claims 25 and 28 have been amended to recite the direction of orientation of the chain structure, and that the direction of this chain structure is perpendicular to the plane of the bodies. In other words, the bodies comprise sheets which run transverse or perpendicular to the direction of orientation of the chain structure. The art of record cited and relied upon by the Examiner is silent as to this subject matter and it is therefore submitted that claims 25 and 28 as amended are clearly allowable over the art of record. The claimed structure advantageously provides sheets of material where the strength of the material is in the thickness dimension of the sheet, as desired. It is particularly advantageous to be able to produce such a sheet using extruded elements, since the direction of strength of such elements is, as set forth in the specification, in the direction of extrusion.

Nothing in the art of record discloses or suggests a structure such as that called for in the present claims.

Dependent claims 22-24, 26-27 and 29-31 all depend directly or indirectly from claims 25 and/or 28 and are believed to be allowable based upon this dependency. These claims are also submitted to be allowable in their own right.

Finally, new dependent claim 40 has been added and even further highlights the perpendicular nature of the direction of stretched chains with respect to the large area sides of the

structural bodies. This claim, too, is believed to be allowable both due to its dependency from claims 25 and 28, and in its own right.

It is believed that no other fee is due. If any such fee is due, please charge same to deposit account 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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